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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2), Applicant petitions to withdraw the above-captioned application from issuance. A Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.114 is enclosed with this Petition. Since this application was filed after June 8, 1995, this Petition is properly submitted under 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2).

The Patent Office is authorized to take the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(h) required in connection with this Petition, and any additional required fees, from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. 501191 (Order No. SYP-166).

Respectfully submitted,

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